



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 8th March 2011

Subject: Request for Scrutiny – Health implications associated with the decision to reduce the opening hours of Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce a request for scrutiny that has been received in relation to the health implications associated with the decision to reduce the opening hours of Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre.

2.0 Request for Scrutiny

2.1 The following requests for scrutiny have been received by the Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Health) regarding the decision to reduce the opening hours of Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre.

I feel as a Body Line member and a former Fitness Instructor that there are significant implications for the Health of people both living and working in outer East Leeds. Therefore, I am formally asking you that the decision regarding the reduction of hours at Garforth Squash and Leisure Club be heard at the Health Scrutiny Board. (Ms J Walker)

As per our conversation, following your receipt of our petition to keep Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre open, on behalf of Garforth residents, could I urge the health scrutiny board to carry out a full investigation into the proposed opening hours having regard to the possible health implications. (Ms N Mitchell)

- 2.2 Both Ms Walker and Ms Mitchell have been invited to attend the meeting to present their requests to the Scrutiny Board (Health)
- 2.3 The Acting Director of City Development has been made aware of these requests and may be represented at the meeting. Any information provided in writing by the Directorate will be made available to Members of the Board as soon as it is available.
- 2.4 Members of the Scrutiny Board (Health) should be aware that a more general request for scrutiny around the decision to reduce the opening hours of Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre was presented to the Scrutiny Board (City Development) on 8 March 2011.
- 2.5 The decision of the Scrutiny Board (City Development) was to undertake some work in relation to this decision, however the draft minutes from that meeting were not available at the time of writing this report. The draft minutes and any additional information from the discussion at the Scrutiny Board (City Development) meeting will be provided to Members of the Board as soon as practicable.

3.0 Options for Investigations and Inquiries

- 3.1 When considering the request for scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board (Health) shall determine:
- what further information the Board needs before considering whether an inquiry should be undertaken
 - how the proposed inquiry meets criteria approved from time to time by the Scrutiny Advisory Group
 - whether the Inquiry can be adequately resource
 - whether an Inquiry should be undertaken

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the requests for scrutiny received and determine what, if any, further scrutiny can be undertaken on this matter in the light of the information provided.

5.0 Background Papers

Request for Scrutiny of the Decision to Reduce the Opening Hours of Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre - Scrutiny Board (City Development), 8 March 2011